Parking of Boeing 727 at Nagpur Sonegoan Airport

323. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Boeing 727 was allowed to be parked at Nagpur Sonegoan Airport in the past; if so the date on which it landed at the Airport;

(b) how old the Boeing is as on date;

(c) whether the Director General Civil Aviation has initiated any steps to recover outstanding dues accrued on account of Inland Air Travel Tax. if so, what is the amount and when the same was recovered from the concerned;

(d) whether any dues are to be paid to National Airport Authority by the concerned for halting charges; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) when the NAA has received the amount; if not what steps are being initiated to recover the dues from the concerned?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A B-720 aircraft operated by M/s. Continental Aviation Pvt. Ltd. was allowed to make precautionary landing at Nagpur Sonegon airport due to engine failure on 21.7.91. The aircraft is approximately 31 years old.

(c) The Inland Air Travel Tax is collected by the airlines and remitted to the Central Exchequer.

(d) Yes, Sir. The airlines is to pay a sum of Rs. 11.47 lakhs as parking charges and Rs. 2.75 lakhs as interest on delayed payment. Besides the airline also owes a sum of Rs. 3.34 lakhs on account of Route Navigation facility charges, landing charges etc.

(e) The airlines has wound-up its operations. A civil suit is being filed in the Bombay High Court for recovery of the dues.

Operation of Gulf Airlines

324. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the Gulf Airlines continued to suspend their operations to India even after the plague scare was over;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date of resumption of services by them if any; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to persuade the airlines who have not yet started the services to resume their services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Saudia, Emirates, Gulf Air, Kuwait Airways; Oman Air and Qatar Airways cancelled a total of 248 flights with effect from 29.9.94. All these carriers had resumed operation by 5.11.94.

(c) Does not arise.

Liberlisation policy in AIR services

325. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the adoption of Liberalisation policy in air-services the business of the official airlines Indian Airlines and Air India, have been affected and they are incurring huge losses; and

(b) if so; the details thereof and remedial steps proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) With the coming up of private operators Indian Airlines has lost a share of its market. There is no effect of private operators on Air India.

(b) Indian Airlines has estimated that it would have earned an additional revenue of Rs. 120 crores; Rs. 460 crores and Rs. 355.50 crores in 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (upto September, 1994) respectively; if there were no private operators. Indian Airlines is making all efforts to meet the competition from the private airlines by improving its services with particular emphasis on better in time performance and marketing.

Air India's efforts are mainly in the areas of:

(1) Fleet modernisation and net work expansion.

(2) Product upgradation.

(3) Providing access to interior points through hub and spoke operation; and

(4) Providing a global computerised reservation system in common with Indian Airlines.

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की विमान सेवाओं का विस्तार

326. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार इंडियन एयर लाइंस की विमान सेवाओं का कुछ और देशों में विस्तार करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उससे कितनी आय होने का अनुमान है ।

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) अन्य देशों को जाने वाली इंडियन एयरलाइंस की उड़ानों के विवरण के बारे में अभी तक कोई अंतिम निर्णय नहीं हुआ है ।

Investment for Tourism Development in Andhra Pradesh

327. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount invested by the India Tourism Development Corporation in its enterprises in Andhra Pradesh during each of the last three years and the locations of these enterprises;

(b) whether the Corporation has formulated new schemes for the development of its units in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No amount was invested by ITDC during the last three years on setting up tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) ITDC's Annual Plans for 1994-95 and 1995-96 does not envisage any new scheme|provision for setting up tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh.

Programmes to boost Tourism in the country

328. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: